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REACTS SHARPLY TO JUSO CONGRESS DECISIONS

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1. SUMMARY: THE SPD NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PRESIDUM AT ITS MARCH 13 MEETING STATED THAT THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE JUNGSOZIALISTEN (SPD POLITICAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION) (SEE REFTEL) WHICH CONTRAVENE THE SPD 1972 ELECTION PROGRAM ADOPTED IN DORTMUND OR THE GOVERNMENT DECLARATION OF JANUARY 18, 1973, ARE DECISIVELY REJECTED BY THE SPD. THE PRESIDUM STATEMENT IS A SHARP BREAK WITH PAST PRACTICE WHEN JUSO DECISIONS WERE IGNORED OR PLAYED DOWN RATHER THAN REJECTED. THE NEW PUBLIC STANCE OF THE SPD PRESIDUM GIVES FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT WILL FIGHT HARD AGAINST THE PARTY' S LEFT WING AT THE SPA NATIONAL CONVENTION WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10-14 IN HANNOVER. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO A PRESS STATEMENT MADE BY THE SECRETARY

GENERAL HOLGER BOERNER ON MARCH 13, THE ELEVEN- MAN HIGHEST ORGAN OF THE SPD PARTY DIRECTORATE, AFTER LISTENING TO BOERNER' S REPORT ABOUT JUSO CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, REACHED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS

1) A CLEAR MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATES AT THE JUSO CONGRESS NOT ONLY RECOGNIZED BUT CONFIRMED THAT WHILE THE GODESBERG PROGRAM OF 1959 CAN BE DISCUSSED, IT CANNOT BE REVISED; 2) A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE CONFERENCE DELEGATES ACCEPTED CLEAR DELINEATION FROM COMMUNISTS; THEREFORE, THE SPD EXPECTS THAT THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS WILL DRAW THE NECESSARY CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR OWN RANKS FROM THIS DECISION; AND, 3) MOTIONS AND DECISIONS TAKEN AT THIS CONGRESS WHICH CONTRAVENE THE DORTMUND ELECTION PROGRAM OF THE SPD OR THE CHANCELLOR' S GOVERNMENT DECLARATION OF JANUARY 1973, ARE DECISIVELY REJECTED BY THE SPD. THE PARTY LEADERSHIP " IS NOT CONSIDERING ANY SORT OF DELETIONS OR CHANGES IN THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY CONCEPTIONS WHICH BROUGHT TO THE SPD ITS GREATEST SUCCESS IN ITS 100 YEAR HISTORY".

4. IN A RADIO INTEVIEW ON MARCH 12, SECRETARY GENERAL BOERNER NOTED THAT THE STAMOKAP PROBLEM IS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE NOT A PROBLEM FOR THE SPD BUT RATHER A PROBLEM FOR THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS. BOERNER SAID THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT ACCEPT THE GODESBERG PROGRAM MUST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOOK FOR ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SPD WOULD NOT TOLERATE THEIR PRESENCE INDEFINITELY. BOERNER SAID FURTHER THAT THE JUSO CONGRESS IN BAD- GODESBERG IS IN NO SENSE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUNG SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. HE NOTED THERE WAS AN OVER- REPRESENTATION OF STUDENTS AMONG THE DELEGATES AT THE JUSO CONGRESS AND THAT THESE ARE NOT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 200,000 YOUNG SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. THE STUDENTS ARE A POLITICALLY VERY ACTIVE PART OF THE YOUNG CRITICAL GENERATION WITH WHICH THE PARTY MUST AND WILL CONTINUE ITS CONFRONTATION.

5. SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEMBER WERNER BUCHSTALLER TOLD THE PRESS ON MARCH 13 THAT THE SECURITY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN THE AGE OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE IS DEPENDENT ON AN ESSENTIAL DEGREE ON THE PRESENCE OF 300,000 US TROOPS ON FRG SOIL. OFFSET PAYMENTS, WHICH THE JUSOS DEMAND BE STOPPED, "DO NOT IN THIS SENSE PAY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF AMERICAN MERCENARIES". BUCHSTALLER DESCRIBED GERMAN OFFSET PAYMENTS TO THE US AS A "NECESSARY TRADE- POLITICAL PROCESS BETWEEN NATO PARTNERS". FURTHER, HE SAID THAT THE EMOTIONAL ARGUMENTS OF THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS SHOVE INTO THE BACKGROUND THE SENSE AND REASON FOR THE STATIONING OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

6. COMMENT: THE DECISION OF THE ELEVEN- MAN SPD PRESIDIO IS AT SHARP VARIANCE WITH THE SITUATION IN RECENT YEARS WHEREBY THE SPD PRESIDIO SOUGHT TO MINIMIZE JUSO CONGRESS DECISIONS BY IGNORING THEM AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. THIS TIME, THE SPD PRESIDIO STATED CLEARLY THAT THESE DECISIONS ARE REJECTED BY THE SPD. THE SPD PRESIDIO ACCEPTS THE FACT THAT THE JUSOS DO NOT INTEND TO DIVIDE THE SPD. IT ALSO NOW SEEMS TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THERE IS A BASIC CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PARTY AND ITS POLITICAL YOUTH. THE SPD MAINTAINS THAT THE SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY IS FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ANY OTHER TYPE OF ECONOMIC SYSTEM. THE PARTY YOUTH OR AT LEAST THE ACTIVIST MINORITY BEHIND THE JUSO NATIONAL BOARD, IS NOT IMPRESSED. FOR THIS MINORITY, THE PLANNED ECONOMY WITH STATE INVESTMENTS AND NATIONALIZATION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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